

Mayor and City Council Update August 28, 2020

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads



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GMA/Cobb Hometown Connection Meeting - Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould and City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones participated in the 2020 Virtual Cobb Hometown Connection Meeting on Thursday, August 27th. The participants consisted of the Cobb County Legislative Delegation and Cobb Municipal Leaders. The main topics discussed was the CARES Act Funding, Alcohol Delivery Legislation and other GMA updates.

Update to 2020 Census

Our work to notify and encourage Smyrna residents to complete the 2020 Census continues. We have scheduled social media posts, are including information in the next round of water bills, included information with the backpacks we helped to distribute from the recent school supply drive, and are including with every gift card that is given out as a part of the Support Smyrna program. We will have an update on our response rate in the next weekly report.

Support Smyrna Continues to Help Smyrna Residents

In the past week, we have distributed almost 100 gift cards to residents who need grocery assistance. I'd like to thank the Reception Team, Water Department and Smyrna PD for their help with getting the gift cards delivered. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Court / Probation Payment Drop Box

Municipal Court Services and Probation (with financial help from the PD and Building and Grounds) have installed a new payment drop box on King Street in front of City Hall!



This box is located next to the USPS Box and allows for Court and Probation payments to be made 24/7. It's in addition to allowing online payments for Court Citations as well as business hour payment receipt at the Court Services windows.

For probation this allows a "no excuse" way for probations to pay their fines in a timely manner instead of them only being able to pay in person during business hours.

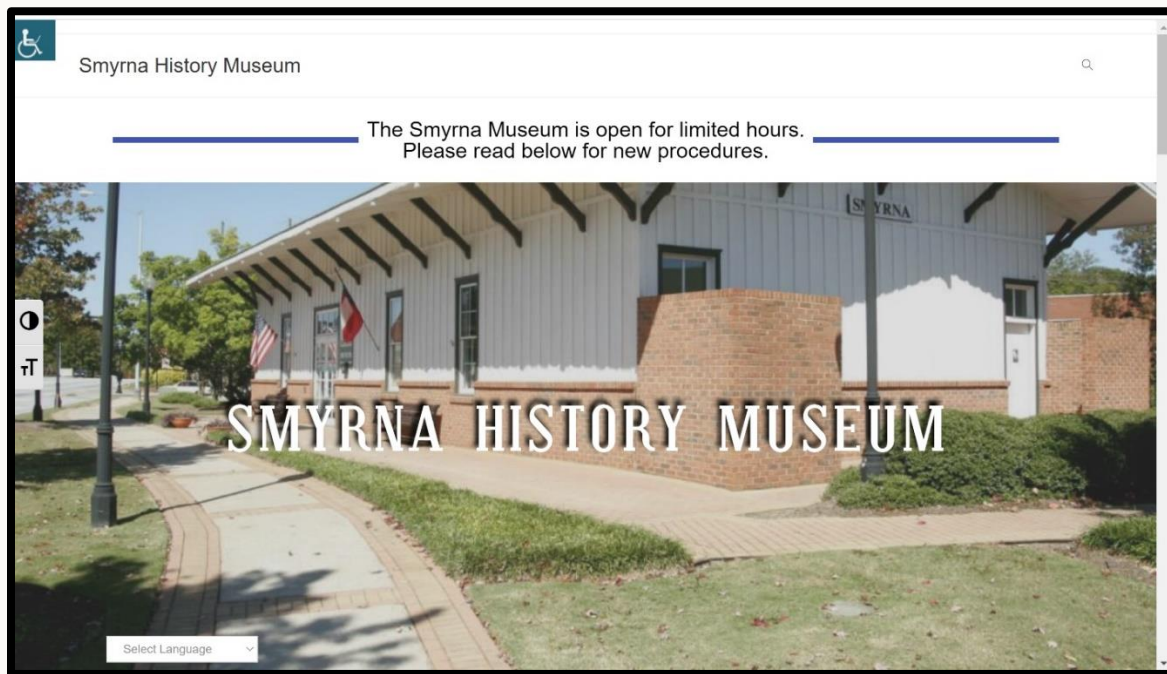
We are excited to offer another safe, simplified option.

Library

Lighting Project – Schneider Electric spent several days in the library this week evaluating the various types of lighting throughout the building.

Summer Usage – Over the ten weeks since re-opening to public access, the library has averaged 1273 in-person visitors weekly. Circulation of physical materials during those ten weeks has totaled 38,984 checkouts/renewals. The public is well utilizing the library facility and its print collections.

Museum



Twenty visitors have taken tours of the Smyrna Museum since the reopening and new Covid precautions have taken place. Adherence to the City's mask policy has been ideal.

Guests are asked to sign up for a Free tour slot online at www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com.

Museum Contact Info:

The Smyrna Museum is open for visitation on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Visitors are asked to sign up for a time slot in advance to help with Covid safe distancing measures. The tours are free, begin on the hour, and can accommodate no more than 10 people at a time. Direct people to the museum website to sign up for tours and to read our Covid policies: www.SmyrnaHistoryMuseum.com.

Museum Manager, Jennie Eldredge, works Tuesdays through Saturdays and any inquiries can be directed to the Museum main line at (678) 631 – 5423.

Now that the museum has reopened to the public, Jennie is not working remotely. However, when the museum is closed on Wednesdays and Fridays, she may periodically be out of the museum on other business. The best option is to direct callers to the main museum line to leave a message.

Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Keep Smyrna Beautiful

Work Glove Luncheon

The Work Glove Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Update: the time will be 11:30 – 1:30 and the location will be in the parking lot behind the Police Station off of Powder Springs (across from the backside of the Community Center).

Community Cleanups

Small community cleanups are continuing and doing well. The latest one was on August 27 and consisted of a cleanup along Riverview Road.

Shred Fest:

The next shredding event is scheduled for October 10 from 9 – 12 at the Church Street Park. Details for keeping volunteers and participants safe are being worked out.



Recycling Center

Appointments

Appointments have been discontinued. A plan to open 4 days a week will be discussed at the COW meeting on September 3rd.

Environmental Services

Energy Performance Services Contract

The staff team met with Schneider Electric on August 27th. The team and Schneider Electric are planning on updating Mayor and Council at the COW meeting on October 15. Updates on the progress, proposed Phase 1 projects, and an estimated timeline will be discussed.

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day

The second annual Bulky Trash Amnesty Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 8 – 4 at the Public Works facility. Details for keeping staff, volunteers, and participants safe are being worked out.



Parks & Recreation

We are currently in the process of re-building one of the footbridges within Durham Park. The original wood is at the end of its life and beginning to rot. We are replacing everything with pressure treated wood and should be good to go for years to come.



Earlier this week, parks staff completed our wall-to-wall fall fertilizer application on all of the city's athletic complexes. This is arguably the most important fertility application of the entire season. The N-P-K fertilizer analysis is low in nitrogen to prevent a late season flush of growth, but high in potassium to promote deep root growth. This allows the turf grass to store carbohydrates going into dormancy, which will promote healthy turf come springtime.



This past week we have continued to have kids safe mulch blown into each playground we identified in need to keep those playing surfacing at safe levels. We have tree work scheduled at Brinkley Park, Cobb Park & Lake Court Park, which consist of dead tree removals, invasive tree removals and trimming the dead branches. As the cooler temperatures approach so too does the tree-planting season. We are currently working on a tree-planting list which will include both new plantings as well as replacement plantings for trees that have died over the past few years.

We have partnered with contractors to help us address issues with the overlook deck on the banks of the arboretum pond as well as re-vamping a hardscaped landing area in the same region.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool is currently open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Members are calling in to reserve slots for water walking, lap swimming, fitness center and exercise classes. Since reopening on July 6, we have had a total of 2,238 visits, with a daily average of 77 members. Staff is doing an excellent job of keeping the entire facility clean.

The Wolfe Center and Therapy Pool started taking new members on July 24. Since that date we have added 23 members.

We will be showing another drive-in movie on Friday, September 25 – registration is full!

This month we are doing weekly sidewalk chalk art contests. Each week up to 10 families may participate. These families will pick up their sidewalk chalk kit at the community center on either Thursday or Friday and will have the weekend to complete their sidewalk chalk masterpiece. They will submit pictures of their work via email. Parks staff will judge the entries and declare a winner. Winning submission will be awarded prizes and RECREATE Smyrna swag! Here are pictures of the second- and third-weeks' winning art:



We continue to have participants in our outdoor exercise classes. The current schedule is:

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| a. 20-Twenty-20 | Monday-Wednesday-Friday |
| b. Core de Force & Cardio Kickboxing | Monday |
| c. Zumba | Tuesday and Saturday |
| d. Vinyasa Flow Yoga | Wednesday |

Tae Kwon Do classes started back up at the Community Center in July. Tuesday and Thursday Yoga Classes will be returning in September.

This year our annual fall event will be a “Drive Thru Trick or Treat”. This event will be a contactless event with costume character lining the sidewalk around the Village Green traffic circle. Participants will be encouraged to decorate their car and drive around the traffic circle, enjoying the characters and getting candy too! The event will be held on Friday, October 16 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

The Community Center is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Guests can make reservations for the fitness area, to enjoy some basketball play or a spirited game of ping pong. Staff is working hard to keep the facility clean and disinfected, so it is safe for our visitors.

The demolition of the men’s and women’s locker room/restrooms in the community center is complete, and now construction can begin on the beautiful, new facilities. Once complete, the area will be a welcoming space for guests.



The large and small gyms, in the community center, are getting brightened up with replacement lighting and some repairs.

Tolleson Pool continues a weekend only schedule thru Labor Day. So, if you want to get in that last bit of summer fun, stop by and take advantage of your last chance for 2020!

Public Works

Water/Sewer division is currently grading sewer infrastructure with our sewer sonar equipment that grades the condition of the pipe and capacities of flow, this type of technology sends acoustic sound wave from one device to another to determine condition or if flow is being impeded which in turn cuts down on cost of fuel, repairs and maintenance to our emergency sewer equipment such as our jet truck and video inspection equipment. Staff will grade a Council Ward and the areas that need attention will be addresses with jet truck and video inspection to determine what needs to be done to correct the issue. This project is still in progress now being extended to Ward 5. Ward 1 and 4 have been completed.

Water/Sewer division will have several sewer lines throughout the city that will be CIPP, (CURED IN PLACE PIPING). Areas that have been completed for sewer are Plaza Dr through Windsong Way, Roswell @ Spring St, Lee St from Concord Rd to Collier Dr, Lake Dr behind 3770, Inglewood Dr to Burbank Dr. Rolling View Dr. The CIPP process works hand on hand with sewer sonar program. All measures being taken we are moving towards being proactive instead of reactive to the necessary need to be met to such a crucial infrastructure.

Street Division is currently maintaining right of ways and asphalt repairs, also repairs to storm drains that will also be CIPP which consist of Banks St @ South Cobb, 2905 Lavista Place and 380 Mockingbird Lane. Drainage repairs are being done on Morris Circle to correct all drainage issues on the street project 40% complete.

Public Works annual paving Mill and paving list has been put together by public works staff, cuts and additions have been made to complete the annual list. This annual project from start to finish takes about 6 months to complete with submitting for additional LMIG funds and necessary paperwork to GDOT for approval. Annual paving bid has been put out July 17th, 2020 and bid opening was August 26th, 2020. Apparent low bidder Bartow Paving Company. Staff will review Bids and bid will be awarded.

Public Works CIP Project South Cobb Water line replacement: Designs were put out to bid, opening for bid was held August 26th, 2020. Apparent low bidder KM Davis Contracting. Staff will review bids and bid will be awarded.

Whitfield Storm drain project: Public Works and contractor have met in the field to make field changes to engineered drawings. Properties have been notified along with property lines being staked out for the project. Project is to be taken place at 1465,1468 Whitfield and adjacent properties. This will include ditches being reworked and lined with cobble stone, concrete storm pipes are being installed this week at outlet side of project, along with tree removal to form ditches. Project 70% complete with all storm installed on south side of project. There will be a road closure August 5th through September 11th @ 1465 Whitfield Street due to storm replacement and catch basins being installed in roadway through that very tight corridor. Roadway will be open to through traffic only on both sides of closure. Map has been posted of the detour plan to the city website and Facebook page.

Windy Hill Road Water Sewer Modifications: Contractor RDJE has installed new sewer line in Windy Hill Road on South Side of the project moving towards South Cobb Drive completed. Installation of sewer line will proceed from Beaver Creek towards Atlanta Road, all long runs in the roadway will be completed in 2 weeks' weather permitted. Water installation 89% completed, the bore for Windy Hill to tie on to South Cobb is scheduled to take place on 9/8/2020.

SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin is still installing storm pipe. The next progress meeting will be held 9/01/2020. Baldwin has been cutting down sub grade for temporary and permanent road to be installed to divert traffic from main roadway during construction. This will take several months to complete. The temporary road and parts of the permanent road are to be done and opened the first week in November to move traffic from existing roadway to temporary and permanent roadway so the culvert and bridge construction can continue.

Church street roadway improvement's

Phase 1 complete with water main, water services and water meter installed. Street Department is currently at 95% with phase 2 with the ADA ramps being installed. Once ADA ramps and driveway aprons are completed Street Department will pressure wash existing sidewalk to better match up newly installed sidewalk. Phase 3 will begin with milling, paving and stripping of the roadway. Phase 4 will be installations of speed tables.

Police Department

Total number of arrests:	37
Total number of citations issued:	268
Total number of citation warnings issued:	139
Total number of calls for service:	1065

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire-1

Medical- 61

Other- 59

Total- 121



CONGRATULATIONS!

2020 COBB CHAMBER PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD HONOREES

BATTALION CHIEF WESTBROOK AND ENGINEER KNECHTEL

B-Shift Battalion Chief Stephen Westbrook

In July of 2019, units from the Smyrna Fire Department responded to a report of a fire at the S.P. Richards building, a sprawling structure that was at 99 percent storage at the time of the incident. There were heavy fire conditions reported through both 911 callers and first apparatus on scene. When Battalion Chief Stephen Westbrook arrived to take Command, he was taking Command of what would be the largest structure fire in the City of Smyrna Fire Department's history.

The contents of the building were predominantly office products, office furniture and office cleaning supplies, including a large quantity of aerosol cans. These materials burn quickly, produce large quantities of smoke and have high thermal energy release rates. Many of the products on display were easily ignited and supported rapid fire spread and growth.

Ultimately, Chief Westbrook's 28 years of public safety experience set the stage for a successful handling of an incident that would involve seven different fire department and stretch over a week. His quick thinking and ability to establish early command and control over the size of the incident led to a safe, positive and streamlined event.





B-Shift Fire Engineer Ryan Knechtel

In January of 2020, the Smyrna Fire Department was in the process of filling the Support Services position within the administration. Soon after the posting was announced, fifteen-year public safety veteran Engineer Ryan Knechtel was injured while on duty. The injury was significant enough that it would require surgery and several months on restricted duty.

SFD decided to tap Ryan to temporarily fill the Support Services position, and he hit the ground running. He immediately made an impact on facility improvements and apparatus repairs, and identified needed equipment for improved emergency services.

Ryan rarely encountered an issue he couldn't find a solution for, and took ownership of each and every assignment. His resolve during his physical therapy and ability to raise the level of performance in the Support Services position was felt throughout the entire organization. Ryan also became a mainstay in command staff meetings, proving to be the ideal team player—and often the point man for key projects. He led the reorganizing of specialized equipment for all the response fleet, the coordinating of two renovations (at Station 1 and Station 3), and the reestablishing of a maintenance schedule for essential equipment.

Engineer Ryan Knechtel set a new standard and expectation for those assigned to restricted duty, and demonstrated excellence, despite the challenges of taking on a new role while rehabilitating a significant injury.

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	5	\$1,119,195	5-Brookside Lake Manor
Building Remodel/Residential	10	\$696,139	5-Interior 4-Remodel w/Addition 1-Pool
Building Remodel/Commercial	-	-	-
Electrical	1	-	-
Plumbing	1	-	-
HVAC	7	-	-
Signs	1	-	1-Monument Sign-740 Concord Rd (RHD)
Grading	1	\$45,000	1-Retaining Wall-5316 Whitehaven Park Ln

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	167	82

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
SCHOOLBANKS INC	1681 CLAY BROOKE LN SE	H	WEB-BASED APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER
QUICKFLIGHT	3288 MILLWOOD TRL SE	H	PRINTING/PUBLISHING
FOOD 4 UR SOUL CATERING & NUTRITION	2161 FARM LN SE	H	CATERING/PERSONAL CHEF
MY MARKETING RECRUITER	1709 HIDDEN SPRINGS TRACE SE	H	EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
MIGHTY HANDS UNIVERSAL SERVICES	1363 OVERLOOK COVE SE	H	MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORT
DERBY BROWN, LLC	6257 SAWTOOTH OAK CT	H	MARKETING/EVENT BUSINESS
WOODRIDGE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS	5168 LAUREL BRIDGE COURT	H	WEB DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT
TERVEUS AND COMPANY	3350 ATLANTA RD	C	REAL ESTATE – RESIDENTIAL
ATHLETICSDC CHIROPRACTIC & PERFORMANCE CENTER	1246 CONCORD RD SE, BLDG B-100	C	CHIROPRACTOR



Labor Day 2020 | **September 7, 2020** | **Monday**